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Dear Friends,

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Once again I offer this modest list of my seedlings. I did not have a new seedling ready this year that I felt was worthy of registration, and as my glads are purely a hobby I was under no compulsion, financial or otherwise to introduce a seedling for 1946. However the seedlings I selected this year for trial were the best I have ever raised. I have some good ones coming along both fragrant and otherwise.

You will notice I have not changed the size of florets in my list this year, as I have always measured "as is" and have not stretched the petals to add to size. "Oversizing" is only second to a reckless use of descriptive adjectives in my pet peeves.

I am offering a small amount of fragrant stock this year hoping it will get into the hands of hybridizers. I have gone far enough in my own breeding to convince me that fragrance in glads is on its way.

My one business rule protects you from all misrepresentation; "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

JUNE SCARLET

An extra early commercial in the scarlet class; 5" florets 5-6 open, 4-6 in color on a 51" always straight slender stem. This blooms in competition with shipped in glads. June Scarlet was sold out early in Feb. last year and stock is still small. I thought there would be a demand for such an early glad as June Scarlet but did not expect the deluge of orders that came in. (It broke my heart to have to return those checks) I expect the demand for June Scarlet to exceed the supply of bulbs for some time. If you want in on June Scarlet, better order early.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$1.00

SIS

A beautiful creamy pink shading lighter in the throat. Sis opens 5-8 in a formal double row placement, 6 in color, 4½" florets on a 48"-54" sturdy stem. Sis makes a strong, broad leaved healthy plant that produces 100% cuttable spikes even under adverse weather conditions. This will be in demand as a commercial when it becomes better known. Sis is the family's name for our daughter.

PRICE: 1" and up \$.75

ORANGOLD

Orangold is due to "ARRIVE". I have had several inquiries from growers and one offer to trade Orangold for a popular higher priced yellow. Orangold can be used as a florist yellow. Fisher's chart places it as lighter orange yellow. Orangold is a tall strong grower, with broad healthy foliage, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color on a 21 bud spike. Florets, round, wide open lightly ruffled, 5" to 5½". It is an easy propagator.

PRICE: L--\$.40 M. --\$.25 S.--2 for \$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.40

DEPENDABLE

A fine cool shade of lavender with a darker lavender tongue in the throat. Tall always straight slender spikes 6 open 6 in color 4½" lightly ruffled florets. Dependable makes cuttable spikes even under adverse growing conditions, so is a dependable commercial variety. It makes large bulblets in fair quantity that germinate easily.

PRICE; L.--\$.50 M--\$.30 Blts. 10 for \$.50

HON

Hon is an apricot pink with a blending peach throat. This is not a blotched variety, but the added color in the throat lights up the whole flower. 6-8 open, 6 in color, on a 21 bud spike, 5" lightly ruffled florets of good substance. This is the favorite pink of our local florist. Hon has a V. C. and many other good reports. "Hon" is my pet name for my wife.

PINK VELVET

The coloring and form of this make it a real beauty. Pure pink shading to almost pure white in the throat, heavy substance and a velvety sheen that suggested its name. Well ruffled, 5" florets, 5-7 open, 4-6 in color with formal placement. Straight medium height stem. Pink Velvet won the N. E. G. S. Seedling trophy at Maine in 1942. Pink Velvet is a real beauty.

PRICE. L. --\$.25 M.--\$.15 S.--2 for \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.25

PINK RIBBON

"I told you so". Last year I said that Pink Ribbon had arrived. I was sold out early in Feb. even to planting stock and had to refer late customers to other growers. Pink Ribbon is a consistent winner at the shows in the small decorative class. It is however really a commercial. Light pink with cream throat 6 open, 6 in color. It has the most perfect stem I have ever seen in a glad, 60" tall, always straight, and so pliable it will almost bend into a circle without breaking. Pink Ribbon has 2 V. C's, an A. M. and a long string of blue ribbons.

PRICE: L.--\$.15 M.--\$.10 S.--\$.05 Blts. 100 for \$1.00

YELLOW RIBBON

A small decorative light yellow. 8-10 open in formal placement, on a straight medium height stem. It will bloom from any size bulb, but from 5's and 6's it makes perfectly balanced small spikes that look like daffodils in a bouquet. Yellow Ribbon is fine for table decorations where size is not desired. Yellow Ribbon goes well with other flowers in mixed bouquets. Yellow Ribbon is an easy propagator.

PRICE:---L.--\$.20 M.--\$.15 S.--\$.10 Blts. 10 for \$.20

PURPLE PEP

A real healthy growing early commercial purple. Purple Pep makes tall straight stems, 5-6 open, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " heavily ruffled florets of good substance. The color does not "wash" or fade like so many purples do. It only makes 13-15 buds but cuts a well balanced spike. Purple Pep is an easy propagator. I have had good reports on this especially for its color and form.

PRICE: L.--\$.15 M.--\$.10 S.--\$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

SEEDLINGS UNDER NUMBER

These seedlings are still under trial. I have sold quite a few bulbs from this group in the past, and no complaints yet. Some people bought June Scarlet two years ago as 39-F 8 at this price.

Prices on the following bulbs 1" and up \$.25

38-E4--This is an early pure pink with a large dark red blotch. Blooms between Pink Ribbon and June Scarlet. This is very showy in bouquets and our florist likes it. It makes a tall slender spike 5" florets, 6 open in single row placement.

39-F21--This is a light orange shading a little toward salmon. It builds a good spike and is an easy grower. This is a seedling of Picardy and Margaret Fulton.

40-H17--This is a pastel color hard to describe. It is a creamy yellow shading out to light salmon pink at the edges. It makes a good spike, and if you like the delicate colors, I think you will like it.

41-1-11--This is a true rose pink being the exact shade of the wild rose that blooms along our roadside in June. I am holding this to see if it will stretch up a little from large bulbs. It bloomed during a dry spell last year and was a little short.

FRAGRANT GLADS

PERFUME.--(Brauer) Perfume is the most fragrant glad I have smelled to date. It is an early ruffled creamy white with a rose dart in the throat. This is from a cross of two Mibloom seedlings.

SUMMER FRAGRANCE--(Zimmer) A small decorative dark rose pink. It makes tall straight spikes opens 4-6 well ruffled fragrant florets. I do not know the parentage of Summer Fragrance, but it is a good seed producer.

ROSE GEM--(Fischer) Medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", nicely ruffled with a waxy sheen. This is the best fragrant seedling of Incense I have seen.

PRICE ON THE ABOVE THREE GLADS: bulbs 1" and up \$.25

SPECIAL TO HYBRIDIZERS: 10 bulbs, no two alike, each separately labeled as to fragrant ancestry--\$3.00. These will include bulbs from Mibloom, Summer Fragrance, Incense, and New Era crosses. I am using all four of these strains in my own breeding for fragrance and am making some progress. These seedlings are valuable only because of their breeding, don't expect show flowers.

All orders prepaid anywhere in the U. S. A. The usual extras depending on the size of the order. Quantity prices: 10 at 8 times the price of 1, 3 or 5 bulbs of a size at the 10 rate.

Orders up to \$5.00 net; \$5.00 to \$10.00--10% discount; \$10.00 to \$20.00--15% discount. Planting stock a matter of correspondence, let me know what you want.

The stock of some of these varieties is still small, so on late orders sizes may be substituted, but other wise there will be no substitutions. Money will be refunded if sold out of variety ordered.

THESE GLADS ARE QUARANTEED TO PLEASE